

FISCAL NOTE

SB 3184 - HB 3085

March 7, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Eliminates subrogation authority of the Department of Agriculture for claims made against the Tennessee Grain Indemnity Fund. Retains authority of Department to impose additional assessments to replenish claims against the Fund.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- Currently, the Department uses its subrogation authority to make claims against bonds posted by grain dealers in lieu of additional assessments against producers to replenish the Fund.
- In the absence of subrogation authority, the Department will impose additional producer assessments to replenish the fund. This alternative source of funding will prevent any negative fiscal impact to the Fund.
- No additional resources will be required by the Department to impose and collect any additional assessments.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director